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LAND FRAUDS.

A Newspaper Man Appointed to Investigate.

GRAVE CHARGE MADE

Departments of Justice and the Interior said to be Involved in Extensive Irregularities—Francis E. Leupp to Begin Investigations in a Few Days.

Wednesday's Republic has the following: It was learned this morning that another government scandal as serious in its way as the recently discovered post office frauds is about to be exposed. These are alleged gigantic frauds in Indian Territory land allotments and in the enrollment of tribesmen for individual allotments in preparation for the dissolution of tribal relations.

For some time, rumors have been in circulation which hinted at extremely serious conditions in the administration of affairs in the Indian territory, both under the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice and of the Department of the Interior.

Recently, the reports of these alleged conditions became so tangible that President Roosevelt today commissioned Francis E. Leupp, a newspaper correspondent of Washington, who is a close personal friend of the President, to visit the Indian territory and particularly the Comanche, Apache and Kiowa Indian reservations in the West, and make a complete confidential report on conditions there under the administration of the officers of the Departments of Justice and the Interior. Mr. Leupp will depart from Washington to execute his mission within a few days.

The Department of Justice recently called to Washington Pliny Soper, formerly of Kansas, and now a Federal Attorney in the Indian territory. It is confidently believed by those in a position to know that the conferences which Mr. Soper has had with the Department of Justice will be followed by some interesting developments.

RIO SCANDAL THREATENED.

The remarkable thing about the situation is that Inspectors have often visited the Indian territory, and officers of the Department of Justice and the Interior believed they were in the closest possible touch with affairs in the Indian territory.

It has been found impossible, however, to ignore the fact that discoveries have seemed to indicate conditions of widespread corruption, and Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock and the other officers of the government under whose jurisdiction the Indian territory is governed, intend to go to the bottom of the present situation, even if it entails as comprehensive an investigation as is now being made in the case of the postal service scandals.

It is said that recent resignations were in connection with these scandals, and it was further learned from an authoritative source that other resignations would have been forthcoming if there had been a chance of their being accepted by the proper authorities. Secretary Hitchcock has recently returned from the Indian Territory and Oklahoma.

It was stated today by an official in a position to know that if the bottom is ever reached in this Indian territory and Indian reser-

vation scandals, the facts brought forth will rival in importance, if not in general interest, the present disclosures in the postal service. It is known that both Attorney General Knox and Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock are a unit in insisting that the alleged irregularities and criminal operations shall be unearthed and the guilty persons punished.

No estimate can be had of the number of acres of land that have been "irregularly allotted" in the process employed, but it is said to be enormous.

MENTALITY OF MONKEYS.

According to Professor Garner It is Much the Same as That of the Human Being.

Prof. R. L. Garner told recently of his latest attempt in the study of monkey or animal speech in his recent trip to Africa. He reviewed his early efforts to master the mysteries of monkey speech with captive animals, the growth of his interest and his determination to seek out the animal in his native wilds and under natural conditions. His first trip in 1892 was largely exploratory and much of the time fruitless for his special purposes. The last trip was hampered by faulty supply arrangements, but was more fruitful of results, says a Boston exchange.

The chimpanzee and gorilla were chosen for study as being nearest structurally to man and possibly the highest developed in speech, or at least in intelligence. Contrary to general belief, the gorilla is confined to an extremely small district and is rarely found at elevations of more than 25 feet above the sea level, inhabiting low, marshy, flat regions exclusively.

Gorillas never build huts, as has been said of them. They are very rare animals even in Africa, and only one living specimen was ever exhibited in the United States and that in Boston, for about a day and a half, dying five days after its arrival. The gorilla has been abandoned, virtually, by Prof. Garner as an object of systematic study, owing to the infrequency of suitable opportunities.

The chimpanzee is a more tractable animal, much more numerous than the gorilla, and has a much wider range, though how wide Prof. Garner has not been able to determine. The best region for finding them is around the Ogoewe river, where the professor purposes to return in a few months with supply arrangements permitting uninterrupted attention to the object of his trip. The lecturer gave a graphic recital of his experiences in the jungle and the difficulties attending travel along the African equator. His famous cage was on the platform. Its details were explained and some idea given of the native and foreign residents and customs of the region. A special word of praise was accorded the Portuguese residents he met with there and their sympathetic aid in his work.

One of the conclusions he has arrived at is that monkeys' mental processes differ in no respect from man's, except in degree, especially in the matter of speech. A remarkable instance was related of a tame chimpanzee in Africa which had been trained to know all the keys of a plantation and to use them. One of the keys was a simple affair—little more than a square steel plug—but it opened a cabinet containing eatables and was the first key he used when given the bunch in an impromptu exhibition of his powers.

After a time it was learned that the animal was opening the cabinet on his own hook and it was found that he would nibble a stick down to the proper size and shape and with it would open the cabinet. Prof. Garner promises to bring back as a result of his coming trip a group of chimpanzees that can talk to some extent.

Rivalry in Prayer.

The small boy lifted up his voice and wept.

"I've prayed and prayed and prayed to have it stop snowing," he wailed, "and it keeps on snowing just as hard as if I hadn't said a thing."

He was too young to be made to understand that "faith without intelligence is vain," and yet his mother did not want to upset his simple belief.

"It must be," she suggested, "that another little boy is praying to have it keep on snowing, and he is praying harder than you are."—N. Y. Tribune.

Poor Sister.

Mr. Bowman—So this is your seventh birthday, Elsie.

Elsie—Yes, sir.

"Gracious! If you keep on having birthdays you'll catch up to your big sister."

"I guess I will, 'cause she's stopped having 'em. She's been ill 's long as I can remember."—Philadelphia Press.

THEY DIDN'T HAVE SHERBET.

Tom Was So Eager to Help That He Upset the Pot Plan of Hypatia.

"As I have before remarked," said Hypatia, relates the Chicago Daily News, "I was not cut out for the present economical sphere I occupy, by the barrel instead of the pound, have two new dresses a day and not give a rap whether or not the cook handed over three-quarters of the fillet of beef to her deserving cousins at the back door. How I could have shone in such surroundings!" She sighed pensively.

"What have you been doing now?" asked her brother, apprehensively.

"I didn't do it at all," explained Hypatia. "It happened last Sunday when you were away. We had Tom Ferguson coming to dinner because he boards, and I thought it only charitable to give him a glimpse of real home life."

"Always thoughtful!" murmured Hypatia's brother, admiringly. "Tom lives at a club—and is six feet two—and his income is scandalously large."

Hypatia merely looked virtuously pained and innocent. "Well, what did Tom do but appear at ten o'clock instead of one o'clock. He said he thought perhaps I'd like to go to church before dinner. I told him I'd go if he would wait till I made the lemon sherbet for dessert. I was really glad that he should see I was not ashamed of having to save 25 cents by making the sherbet at home. Tom said he'd be delighted, and couldn't he help? So we went out into the kitchen, much to mother's dismay. Our new cook hadn't appeared that day. I boiled the sirup and put it to cool and Tom found the freezer. 'Don't you have to use salt or anything?' he asked, appearing with a little shaker of table salt. I restrained him and got out the five pounds of rock salt. He appeared impressed by this and asked where the ice was. I told him I was going to borrow the ice next door, but he looked so sort of wild I had to explain that in the winter time there was usually an icicle of from 20 to 50 pounds adorning the waterspout between the next house and ours, and as our neighbors hadn't a freezer, I had unrestricted use of the icicle. I said he might break it up for me."

"So he pushed up his cuffs, and mother tied a gingham apron on him over his beautiful frock coat. He was as charmed as a little boy with a new top. He smashed the ice almost to powder before I could explain to him. Meantime I had been straining the sirup and lemon juice into the can of the freezer. We had a great time getting things fixed, and Tom, of course, said he'd turn the freezer. It takes only about 15 minutes, so I thought it would do him good—work up an appetite for dinner. I left him and went to slip into church clothes. When I came back he was still turning frantically. 'Something,' he said, 'must be wrong with the ice. I don't believe icebergs are the proper thing at all. Why, the crank turns as easily as at first!'

"I tried it, and so it did. It was really most extraordinary. The bucket was solid with ice and salt, and yet the sherbet showed not the least intention of freezing. I turned and Tom turned, and we worked for half an hour more. He insisted it was the fault of the icicle. He said he had never heard of anyone freezing ice cream with an icicle, and one never got good results unless one followed the cookbook precisely. He said he had no patience with experimenters, and between turning the freezer and arguing we both got so exhausted and cross that no doubt we would have been slapping each other's faces like two naughty children if I had not had an inspiration. I said I should open the freezer and take a look at the strangely refractory sherbet. I did so. We both looked in at once and gave our heads an awful crack. There wasn't so much as the slightest dab of anything in that can! It was empty!"

"Why—what—" began Hypatia's brother.

"Tom said," concluded Hypatia, "Tom said that of course he had emptied out the watery stuff he found in it. He wanted to get it all ready for me to put the sherbet in and save time. The goose didn't know the 'watery stuff' was the sirup and lemon juice I had painstakingly boiled and strained before his very eyes. And we had spent a solid hour grinding away at an empty freezer packed carefully in ice—and we didn't get to church—and we had sponge cake for dessert."

Tomato Macaroni.

A variation of the baked macaroni and cheese will be appreciated. Make a roux of one tablespoonful each of butter and flour, adding half a cupful of rich milk or cream. Half a cupful of stewed tomatoes is stirred into the roux and a pinch of soda added. Finally add a cupful of grated cheese and an egg slightly beaten. Season and pour over boiled macaroni.—N. Y. Post.

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